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1. FOLLOWING ARE OFFICE DIRECTOR'S VIEWS ON ISSUES WE
WOULD LIKE TO SEE TREATED IN THE USOECD ANNUAL POLICY
ASSESSMENT.

2. AS MISSION NOTED IN LAST YEAR'S ASSESSMENT, THE OECD
IS AN INSTRUMENT OF U.S. POLICY, NOT AN OBJECT OF IT.
THUS YOU SHOULD NOT FEEL OVERLY BOUND BY THE ASSESSMENT
CATEGORIES DELINIATED PARA 2 REFTEL. ESSENTIALLY, WE
WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON HOW U.S. FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY
OBJECTIVES CAN BE ADVANCED OR ACHIEVED IN THE OECD. COM-
MENT ON THE POLICY OBJECTIVES THEMSELVES IS NOT PRECLUDED.
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3. POST-RAMBOUILLET AND POST-JAMAICA, ATTENTION WILL SHIFT TO SUCH BASIC ISSUES THE PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES OF TRADE AND MONETARY INTERDEPENDENCE, THE AMOUNT OF ECONOMIC POLICY COORDINATION NECESSITATED BY THIS INTERDEPENDENCE, AND HOW AND WHERE IT SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN. WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE ATTITUDES OF OTHER OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THE SECRETARIAT TOWARD COORDINATION IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES. ALSO, DOES THE LIMITED DEGREE OF ECONOMIC POLICY COORDINATION/INTEGRATION AMONG THE NINE SET A PRACTICAL LIMIT ON WHAT CAN BE DONE IN THE OECD IN THIS FIELD? WHAT, IN YOUR VIEW, WOULD CONSTITUTE A REALISTIC AGENDA FOR THE OECD IN ECONOMIC POLICY COORDINATION IN THE YEAR AHEAD?

4. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE EC'S DECISION TO DEVELOP CIEC NEGOTIATING POSITIONS IN BRUSSELS WERE RECENTLY CONSIDERED BY THE MISSION. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR ANALYSIS OF HOW, IN GENERAL, THE TREND TOWARD EC INVOLVEMENT IN A BROADER RANGE OF ISSUES THAN IT HAS DEALT WITH IN THE PAST WILL AFFECT EC PARTICIPATION IN THE OECD. SHOULD WE SEEK NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH THE EC IN THE OECD? IF SO, WHAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BEST SERVE OUR INTERESTS?

5. WHAT ARE THE MISSION'S VIEWS OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE OECD'S GROWING INVOLVEMENT AS A 'BLOC' AND AS AN INSTITUTION IN NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS? WILL THE POLITICIZATION OF THE ORGANIZATION -- IF THAT IS IN FACT WHAT IS OCCURRING -- ENHANCE OR DETRACT FROM ITS UTILITY TO US? HAVE SUFFICIENT STRUCTURAL ADAPTATIONS TAKEN PLACE WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT TO ADAPT IT TO SERVICE MEMBER COUNTRY NEEDS IN THIS POLICY AREA?

6. THE 'ROME COMPROMISE', THE LAUNCHING OF CIEC, THE IEA DECISION TO ADOPT A LONG-TERM PROGRAM, THE REVISION OF THE OECD LONG-TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT, AND THE DECISION OF THE CIEC CO-CHAIRMAN TO RECOMMEND THAT THE OECD SECRETARIAT NOT BE PRESENT AS AN OBSERVER IN THE ENERGY COMMISSION, WILL AFFECT THE HANDLING OF ENERGY POLICY WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. IN PARTICULAR, SHOULD WE NOT, IN THE LIGHT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS, ANTICIPATE A MOVE ON THE PART OF THE FRENCH (SUPPORTED, PERHAPS, BY SOME WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT), TO ACTIVATE THE PLENARY ENERGY COMMITTEE THIS YEAR? WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS, AS WELL AS ANY INSIGHT YOU CAN PROVIDE ON THE ATTITUDES OF KEY DELEGATIONS THE SEC GEN AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE IEA (AND JOINT ENERGY STAFF).

7. DURING HIS POST-JAMAICA VISIT TO WASHINGTON, SECGEN
VAN LENNEP DISCUSSED HIS INTENTION TO WORK WITH KEY
PERMREPS TO DEVELOP -- IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE XCSS -- A
'POLITICAL' AGENDA OF SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT KEY
COUNTRIES AGREE SHOULD BE SOUGHT WITHIN THE OECD FRAME-
WORK IN A GIVEN YEAR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE MISSION'S
ASSESSMENT OF THIS PROPOSAL AND WHAT MIGHT CONSTITUTE
SUCH AN AGENDA FOR 1976. INGERSOLL

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